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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON RHODESIA

1. FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD
AT 1600 EDT SEPTEMBER 24, AFTER IAN SMITH'S
BROADCAST TO RHODESIA. AFRICAN POSTS WOULD
DELIVER COPIES OF THE STATEMENT TO THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE
OFFICIAL IN THE HOST GOVERNMENT. DAR ES SALAAM, NAIROBI,
LUSAKA, MUPUTO, KINSHASA, GABERONE, PRETORIA, DAKAR,
ABIJDAN, AND LONDON -- AMBASSADORS OR CHARGE SHOULD DELIVER
MESSAGE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO CHIEF
OF STATE/HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.
2. TO DEPARTMENT: PLEASE REPEAT TEXT OF STATEMENT TO
ALL US DIPLOMATIC POSTS.
3. BEGIN TEST: I AM VERY PLEASED TO HEAR OF THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT TODAY BY IAN SMITH IN RHODESIA. ON BEHALF OF THE
RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES HE HAS ACCEPTED PREPOSALS THAT CAN
HEAD OFF AN ESCALATING CONFLICT AND SHOULD PORDUCE
NEGOTIATIONS WHICH CAN BRING SOUTHERN AFRICA CLOSER TO
PEACE.
4. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD TO HAVE MADE A CONTRIBU-
TION. BUT WE HAVE NOT DONE SO ALONE. THE PRINCIPLES OF
THE SETTLEMENT SET FORTH TODAY ARE BASED ON THE PLAN OUT-

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LINED BY BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN ON MARCH 22.

I WISH TO PAY TRIBUTE TT THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO THE
UNITED KINGDOM WITH WHOM WE HAVE CLOSELY COOPERATED.
FARSIGHTED AND INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE ALSO
MADE BY THE VARIOUS AFRICAN PRESIDENTS. I WOULD LIKE
AS WELL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA. THE ROAD IS
NOW OPEN FOR AN AFRCAN SOLUTION TO AN AFRICAN PROBLEM--
FREE OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, VIOLENCE AND BITTERNESS.
THIS HAS BEEN THE OBJECTIVE OF THE INITED STATES AND
THEPURPOSE OF THE SKILLFUL AND ENERGETIC DIPLOMACY
WE HAVE PURSUED. WE CALL ON OTHER COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT,
NOT IMPEDE, THE AFRICAN SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.
THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO HELP. WE
WILL NOT PRESCRIBE FOR THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA WHAT ONLY
THEYCAN BRING ABOUT. BUT WE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LEND
OUR FULL SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE BRITISH, THE
RHODESIANS OF BOTH RACES, AND THE AFRICAN STATES CONCERNED.
IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT THE SEVERALPARTIES WILL
NOW MOVE SWIFTLY TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONSFOR AN
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE IN WHICH ALL OF ITS PEOPLES CAN
LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY. TODAY WE HAVE SEEN AN ACT
OF REALISM THAT IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL.
WITH GOOD WILL O ALL SIDES THAT VISION CAN BECOME A
REALITY. A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE HAS BEEN EASED. WE
CAN TAKE SATISFACTION IN THE ROLE WE HAVE PLAYED. I
EXTED MY BEST WISHES TO THE PEOPLES OF RHODEIA AND
OF ALL AFRICA. I CALL ON ALL NATIONS TO HELP THEM
SHAPE A FUTURE OF PEACE PROSPERITYAND HUMAN DIGNITY.
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